

the Ring



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*"Go to the ant, thou sluggard;
consider her ways, and be wise"*

Proverbs VI, v.6

UVic's 15th Convocation attracts 5,500 to McKinnon

By John Driscoll

More than 5,500 people including graduates, their families and friends attended UVic's 15th annual Convocation May 27.

The two ceremonies were marked by pomp and pageantry complete with colorful regalia, but they were also filled with small, informal gestures.

Flashbulbs popped and graduates smiled and waved as they left the platform where Chancellor Dr. Robert Wallace had touched them on the head with his cap, the traditional symbol of the conferring of bachelors' degrees.

During the afternoon ceremony one graduate in law stepped from the platform to hug a robed dignitary in the front row. The dignitary was Mr. Justice David Fulton, former federal cabinet minister now serving on the B.C. Supreme Court. The graduate was his daughter, Cynthia.

Up to a few minutes before each academic procession, the McKinnon Centre seemed a whirlwind of confusion as graduates, guests, dignitaries and marshals mingled in the corridors.

Behind the scenes, ceremonies committee chairman Betty Kennedy (Mathematics), secretary Betty Wright, chief marshal Nels Granewall (Financial Aid) and others were creating order from chaos.

Both ceremonies started on time and both went smoothly. Each ceremony took an hour and three quarters to complete, from the opening strains of the processional march played by the Mount Douglas Senior Secondary School Wind Ensemble, to the singing of "God Save the Queen", led by soloist Jane MacKenzie.

Degrees and diplomas were conferred on 1,175 students and 704 of them were on hand to formally participate.

At the morning ceremony the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) was conferred on Dr. W. Harry Hickman, past principal of Victoria College and Dr. Willard Ireland, former chairman of the UVic Board of Governors.

At the afternoon ceremony honorary doctorates were conferred on Fanny Annette Kennedy, executive director of the Registered Nurses' Association of B.C.; Mr. Justice Lloyd George McKenzie, of the Supreme Court of B.C.; Mr. Justice John Graham Ruttan, senior Puisne Judge for B.C. and Dr. David Edward Woodsworth, a professor in the McGill School of Social Work.

The afternoon ceremony also marked the first time UVic has granted degrees in Law, Nursing and Social Work.

After each ceremony, graduates and their

guests crowded into the foyer of University Centre to a reception where they gobbled down more than 12,000 pastries and cakes. The day began with rain but turned sunny for the afternoon ceremony.

More than 150 people worked during Convocation, most of them out of the spotlight, to ensure that things would go smoothly.

For John Watson, manager of Food services, and his staff, it was a hectic weekend. They had to prepare for an invasion of more than 200 high school students from Vancouver Island on campus for orientation day and lunch May 26. Then came a wine and cheese reception for 700 graduates and guests which lasted to midnight.

After midnight, the crews were re-arranging the Commons Dining Room for a graduation banquet May 27 for 660 people. And there were those 12,000 goodies to prepare.

This year for the first time, 60 parents of graduates rented rooms in residence and they received meals. In the Raven's Wing, volunteer workers and the 80-member Mt. Douglas band had lunch between ceremonies.

There was also the chancellor's luncheon for 50 out-of-town guests between ceremonies.

"It was like a hockey game where you pull the goalie and put everybody on the ice," said Watson. "The staff responded magnificently."

Janitorial staff were also working unobtrusively during the day, cleaning up between the two ceremonies.

And there were the duty electrician and duty plumber to provide emergency services when fuses blew or the hot water disappeared.

Traffic and security officers were there, constantly giving directions for those seeking parking spots. In the robing area 10 workers were responsible for the distribution and return of regalia. Ushers, marshals, St. John's Ambulance nurses and others worked to make the day a success.

"There's a good feeling among the staff about Convocation," said Watson. "Everything looks chaotic at times but everyone works hard and at the end of the day, they really feel like they've accomplished something."

(For stories and pictures of Convocation and award winners, see pages 4, 5, 6 and 7.)



Where have all the skylarks gone?

Has the beleaguered band of European skylarks on campus dwindled to a solitary singer?

Birdwatchers on campus report that they've heard the unmistakable melody of the skylark and several people say they've seen a bird hovering above the shrinking skylark field adjacent to the Cornett Building and University Centre.

But no one seems to know if there is more than one bird.

"There may be a pair but we don't know whether they are nesting, or where," says Dr. Jeremy Tatum (Physics), one of the enthusiastic birdwatchers on campus.

"We've lost them, really, and it's a shame."

The saga of the skylarks on Vancouver Island began in 1903 when a shipment was imported to Victoria from England through the auspices of the now defunct Natural History Society of B.C.

The European skylark is unique in North America on Vancouver Island as experiments to introduce them to other areas of this continent failed.

At first they thrived here. A bird count in 1962 revealed 1,000 pairs on the lower portion of Vancouver Island. At that time 60 pairs nested on Campus and their favorite spot was the field where the Cornett Building and later University Centre were constructed.

University officials were aware that construction would disturb the skylark nesting areas. The Cornett field was designated a sanctuary for the birds and signs instructing people to keep off the grass were placed around the perimeter.

The grass in that field remains uncut during the summer months except for a fire-safety strip around it.

But the encroaching campus has disturbed the nesting areas and construction of University Centre meant that 25 per cent of the two-acre field disappeared.

The construction of the fourth wing of the Clearihue Building has meant a further strain on the skylarks. Despite signs, a criss-cross pattern of paths on the skylark field has been created by people unconcerned with the "profuse strains of unpremeditated art" created by the small, shy bird.

While Tatum is upset about the passing of the skylarks from campus, he is also concerned about native species that nest on campus. He says 81 species have been counted.

"It is clear that university planners believe buildings are more important than birds," he says. "But I wonder when construction on campus will end. Is there a limit to the number of buildings?"

UVic questions funding criteria

Education Minister Dr. Patrick McGeer has approved site development projects costing \$6.5 million for the three B.C. universities and the lion's share is going to the University of British Columbia.

McGeer recently announced the total to be spent on construction projects this summer but did not detail the amount to be spent on each campus.

However, the total is similar to that recommended earlier by the Universities Council of British Columbia (UCBC) which requested that UBC receive \$5.1 million compared to \$665,000 for UVic and \$810,000 for SFU.

UVic officials are upset because the criteria for funding of projects appears to have been different for UBC than for UVic or SFU.

"The list of recommended projects for UBC includes all sorts of things that do not meet the criteria as we understood them," said President Howard Petch.

At UVic, the projects include improvements to the Finnerty Road entrance, a service road, curbs and gutters, Ring Road improvements, upgrading of playing fields and landscaping.

At UBC, the list includes work on the anthropology museum and botanical gardens

and outdoor furniture and graphics. It also includes general landscaping, campus upgrading, drainage, landscaping and upgrading of playing fields, paving parking lots and upgrading the main mall.

At SFU, projects include reconstruction of a playing field, running track, campus signs, landscaping, Bamfield, an outdoor recreation centre and paving parking lots.

In making the announcement, McGeer said the money is in addition to that included in the budget and is provided under the British Columbia Educational Institutions Capital Financing Authority.

"There could be no better time than now to undertake essential but long-neglected public works projects on the campuses of our universities," said McGeer.

He said it is the policy of the government to end the neglect that has characterized the physical plant of post-secondary institutions in the province.

He urged post-secondary institutions to develop and maintain plans for work on their campuses that can be started quickly in future periods of slack activity in the construction industry.



Birch-Jones: newest BOG member

Sonia elected

Sonia Birch-Jones, a secretary in the School of Public Administration temporarily appointed to the administrative professional category, has been elected to a three-year

term as a member of the UVic Board of Governors.

Ballots were counted May 31 in the election for a full-time staff representative on the BOG.

Birch-Jones led seven candidates with 177 votes while runner-up Donavon Thorndick, superintendent of janitorial services, polled 141 votes.

Other candidates and their vote totals are: June Thomson (Library) 53; Maureen Baird (English) 36; Robert Willihnganz (Counselling) 28; Margaret Palmer (Library) 24; and James Morris (Biology) 15.

There were 474 votes cast in the election, representing 62 per cent of 762 eligible voters.

Birch-Jones becomes the lone woman on the 15-member BOG, replacing Alf Lee (Traffic and Security) who resigned at the end of his three-year term May 31.

She has had a long association with UVic, beginning in 1964 when she became secretary for the Alma Mater Society. She also worked as a secretary for the dean of administration before moving to the School of Public Administration.

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The Board of Governors reports the following actions taken May 15, 1978.

Resignations

The following resignations were accepted effective June 30, 1978: Laura M. Feeleus, general librarian, cataloguing division, Library

Kerry C. Quorn, assistant professor, division of communication and social foundations, Faculty of Education.

Judith A. Wetter, admissions officer, Records Office.

Early Retirement

The early retirement of Gwladys V. Downes, professor, department of French language and literature, was approved, effective June 30, 1978.

Tenure

The following faculty members were appointed with tenure, effective July 1, 1978:

Phyllis M. Sherrin, assistant professor, department of history.

Rey A. Carr, assistant professor, division of psychological foundations, Faculty of Education.

New Appointments—Faculty

Jane A. Abramson, B.A. (Swarthmore College), M.A. (Univ. of Pennsylvania), Saskatoon, Sask., appointed professor, with tenure, School of Social Work, effective July 1, 1978.

Margaret D. Bennett, B.Sc.N. (Univ. of Brit. Col.), M.Sc. (Univ. of Hawaii), Victoria, B.C., appointed, associate professor, School of Nursing, effective July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1981.

David C. Bird, Dip.Ed. (Durham), B.Ed. (Univ. of Brit. Col.), Victoria, B.C., appointed sessional lecturer, division of communication and social foundations, Faculty of Education, effective July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

Peter J. Murphy, B.A. (Univ. of Winnipeg), B.Ed., M.Ed. (Univ. of Manitoba), Ph.D. (Univ. of Alberta), Victoria, B.C., appointed assistant professor, division of communication and social foundations, Faculty of Education, effective July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1980.

Steven J. Schwager, M.A. (Columbia), M.A. (Yale), New Haven, Connecticut, appointed sessional lecturer, department of mathematics, effective July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

Special Appointments

Edward I. Berry, associate professor, department of English, appointed director of honors program, department of English, effective July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

Anthony S.G. Edwards, associate professor, department of English, appointed director of graduate studies, department of English, effective July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

Robert H. Fowler, associate professor, division of social and natural sciences, Faculty of Education, appointed chairman, division of social and natural sciences, Faculty of Education, effective July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1981.

Robert W. Payne, B.A. (Univ. of Alberta), Ph.D. (Univ. of London), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, appointed professor, Faculty of Human and Social Development, effective July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1981; appointed Dean of the Faculty of Human and Social Development, effective July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1983.

Constance M. Rooke, assistant professor, department of English, appointed director, English language program, department of English, effective July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

Nelson C. Smith, assistant professor, department of English, appointed director of major and general programs, department of English, effective July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

New Appointments—Administrative and Academic Professional

Larry R. Cochran, B.A. (Univ. of Wash.), M.A. (Univ. of Oregon), Ph.D. (Univ. of Utah), St. John's Newfoundland, appointed counsellor psychologist and coordinator, reading and study skills program, Counselling Centre, effective July 1, 1978.

Study Leave—Faculty

The following faculty member was granted study leave in 1978-79, in accordance with the university study leave policy:

Phyllis M. Sherrin, assistant professor, department of history.

The Senate reports the following proceedings from the 152nd meeting which was held May 3, 1978.

Organizational Structure of Graduate Work

The Senate decided to refer the report of the Senate ad hoc committee on organizational structure of graduate work at the university to the chairman of the committee, Dr. Keith Jobson, and the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. J.M. Dewey, to bring a single set of recommendations to the Senate at its meeting in September. In doing so, the Senate rejected, in concurrence with a recommendation made by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, the notion of a graduate council.

New Awards

The following new awards were approved and recommended to the Board of Governors:

The Clifford J. Bate Scholarship.
The W.H. Gaddes Scholarship.
The Norman Lidster Scholarship.

Reports Received

The Senate received a semi-annual report from the university committee on campus development, and annual reports from the following Senate committees: honorary degrees and other forms of recognition, library, and appeals.

Committee Appointments

Student senators were appointed to Senate committees for 1978-79 as follows, effective 1 July:

Academic Standards - G. Elliott
C.D. Main
Admission and Re-registration - A.E. Field
S.M. Soper
Agenda and Procedures - R.C. DiBella
Appeals - E.M. Hanan
Awards - S. Colantonio
Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition - S. Colantonio
Library - J. Sharpe
Planning - M.A. Shaw
Teaching and Learning - R. Thompson
University Budget - G. Elliott
Dr. R. Symington was appointed chairman for 1978-79 of the Senate committee on admission and re-registration, effective June 1. Appointed a member of that committee, effective July 1, was Dr. W.R. Gordon. Dr. S.E. Scully was appointed to the university budget committee effective the same date.

New Committees

The composition of the new Senate committee on university extension, created to replace the Senate committees on Continuing Education and Summer Session as of July 1, was approved as follows: three members from Arts and Science (one from each of Humanities, Sciences and Social Sciences), one from Education, one from Fine Arts, one from Human and Social Development, two lay senators, one student senator, one A.M.S. and one C.S.S. representative, one representative from the Alumni Association; ex officio appointees: Administrative Registrar, Deans of Arts and Science, Education, Fine Arts, Graduate Studies, and Human and Social Development, Director of University Extension (chairman), President, and University Librarian. Several appointments were made to the committee on university extension, some of which are temporary: J.P. Mentha, A. Kratzmann, E. Schwandt, B. Wharf, and S.M. Soper for one-year terms, and D. Connell, K. Clamp and F. Basham until September, 1978. Most of these appointees are currently serving on either the committee on Continuing Education or the committee on University Extension and are to provide for continuity.

Faculty Items

Additional curriculum items for 1978-79 were approved for the Faculty of Arts and Science. Membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies was granted to A.T. Matheson and F.E. Deloume.

Committee on Committees

The following were elected to the committee on committees: S.E. Scully, to replace S.W. Jackman for the remainder of his term; for three year terms: M.L. Collis, F.E. Lort, L.R. Robinson and R.T. Symington; E.M. Hanan was reappointed for one year.

The Senate reports the following proceedings from the 153rd (special) meeting which was held May 17, 1978:

Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas

The Senate granted degrees and diplomas to candidates presented by the various faculties and requested the chancellor to confer the degrees at the Convocation Ceremony May 27.

Medal Winners

Governor General's Medal: Arthur Charles Ralfs
University of Victoria Jubilee Medal: Ginette Raymond Griffiths
Maxwell Cameron Memorial Medal and Prize (Elementary): Marion Christine Yole
Maxwell Cameron Memorial Medal and Prize (Secondary): William Peter T. McGhee
Law Society Gold Medal and Prize: Emil Dmetro Chapelski

Other Awards

The Senate committee on awards was authorized to allocate all other undergraduate awards and release the names of the recipients.

Release of Grades

The Senate authorized the records office to release statements of grades for students registered for the 1977 Winter session, May-June studies and Summer Session 1978.

Press Release

Senate authorized the issuing of an appropriate press release concerning the 1977-78 graduating class.

June Meeting

The Senate decided that there was insufficient business to hold a regular meeting in June. The next regular meeting will be held September 13.

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The TRIUMF cyclotron operated by four western Canadian universities including UVic will produce radioisotopes for diagnosing diseases. An agreement making production possible has been concluded by TRIUMF's Board of Management, UBC's Board of Governors, the B.C. Development Corporation and the commercial products division of Atomic Energy of Canada. Under the agreement TRIUMF will produce new types of isotopes for a growing multi-million-dollar international market. The agreement includes construction of a \$3.5 million addition to the \$36 million facility on the UBC campus. This addition will contain a small cyclotron and related equipment. Scientists at TRIUMF are already using the existing cyclotron to produce a new radioisotope of iodine for research at Vancouver General Hospital. It will also be airlifted out of Vancouver for research use in hospitals in Edmonton, Winnipeg and Toronto. The iodine produced at TRIUMF gives the same diagnostic information as the radioisotope now widely used for diagnosing and treating certain thyroid conditions. The iodine produced at TRIUMF, however, is 100 times less damaging to normal human tissue.

People attending functions at University House in the evening after the switchboard closes or on weekends now have a direct link with the outside world. Ceremonies secretary **Betty Wright** informs us that people can now contact University House directly after hours by dialing 477-6923.

It's that time of year when users of the McKinnon Centre facilities must renew their athletics and recreation activity cards. Holders of cards may renew their lock and towel service for the period July 1 to June 15, 1979 at the McKinnon equipment room weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. All lockers must be cleaned out as of June 15 to allow thorough cleaning. The authorization forms for payroll deduction of the athletics and recreation activity fee are available at the equipment room desk. Fees for 1978-79 are \$30 for individual members with an extra \$10 for family privileges.

The Graphics Studio in Information Services has been closed, effective June 1, for an indeterminate length of time.

It is fashionable to claim that Latin is a dead language but some people, like **Dr. H.H. Huxley** (Classics), believe the obituary notice is premature. Huxley has written the words for a Latin carol and a communion hymn which have been performed in several locations in Canada. Music is by **Beal Thomas**, director of music at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria. The Latin carol begins:

*Dormi, Jesu pavule,
in praesepe tutus:
tacitus te colit bos
asinusque mutus.*

For those of us who are not scholars of Latin, the English translation follows. "Sleep, little Jesus, safe in your crib. The silent ox and the dumb ass watch over you."

Joseph Cunliffe, president of Willis, Cunliffe Tait and Co. Ltd. and chairman of the UVic Board of Governors, was elected president of the 900-firm Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada at the association's annual meeting last week in Toronto.

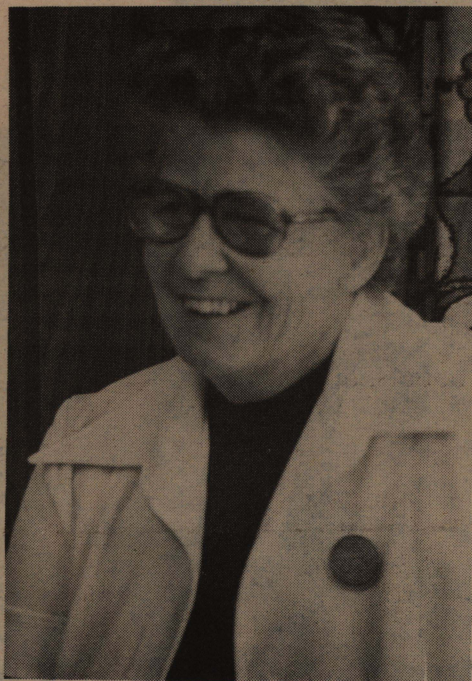
Many faculty members and students at UVic have been associated with Langford Elementary School during the past 31 years and will be interested in a retirement reception for principal **E. Ruth King**. She retires at the end of June and the Parent-Teacher Association of Langford school is arranging a reception beginning at 7 p.m., June 19. All parents, teachers, students and friends of King are invited to the reception honoring her 31 years as principal of the school.

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There will be a Board of Governors meeting June 26 beginning at 1 p.m. in University Centre, but Senators have the summer off. The June meeting of Senate was cancelled and there are no meetings scheduled for July or August. The next regular meeting of the Senate will occur Sept. 13.

The McKinnon Centre has its ups and downs, apparently, depending upon the season. "There have been 79 intramural volleyball teams in action and 400 squash games per week, if I remember correctly. The courts are booked solidly. It is really wonderful to see the way the facilities are being used," President Howard Petch told the Board of Governors at the May meeting. But, with the exception of tennis and sailing, programs offered during May and June by Athletics and Recreation have not met with much success. Classes in aquatics, squash, canoeing, yoga, ballet, t'ai chi, aikido and judo and keeping fit, scheduled to run for people on campus between May 3 and June 9, have been cancelled due to low enrolment. "The same thing happened last year. There are not enough people around campus during intersession," explains a spokesman for Athletics and Recreational Services.



Baker: honoured by grads

Shirley Baker, associate director of student and ancillary services, is the 1978 "honorary grad" chosen by the 1978 graduating class at UVic. Each year the graduating class pays tribute to a member of the university community who has made an outstanding contribution to student life on campus. Baker, who has been at UVic for 12 years, supervises residences, the bookstore, campus shop and food and conference service. She was honored by the graduating class at the annual graduation party, May 26.

Sheila Bridgman has been elected president of the Faculty Women's Club for 1978. Other on the executive include **Marion Dixon**, vice-president; **Gail Branton**, secretary; **Ann Fraser**, treasurer; **Penny Devlin** and **Nancy Swailes**, social convenors; **Gabrielle Goudy**, interest groups co-ordinator; **Ruth Gowans** and **Carol Molyski**, newcomers co-ordinators.

Bursar **Robert McQueen** and other UVic executive officers are busy these days in an effort to complete a draft of UVic's 1978-79 operating budget in time for presentation by President **Howard Petch** to the June 26 meeting of the Board of Governors. Officials are taking a long, hard look at budget estimates for this year after the Universities Council of British Columbia (UCBC) allocated UVic an operating grant of \$34.1 million, an increase of 6.9% over the 1977-78 grant. Last year the increase for UVic was 11.2%. The UVic Board of Governors has lodged a formal protest with UCBC concerning the method of allocating operating grants to the three B.C. universities. The University of British Columbia received an increase of 9.9% over the 1977-78 grant while the grant for Simon Fraser University was up 7% from 1977-78.

About 50 map librarians from as far east as Quebec and as far south as California are coming to campus next week for the 12th annual conference of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries. UVic and the Provincial Archives are co-hosts for the conference from June 11 to 15. Anyone who wishes to know about the program or to attend any of the sessions should contact **Brian Turnbull** in the University Map Collection at Local 4228.

Ombudsman **Patricia Beatty-Guenter** announces that her office hours in the Student Union Building have changed. The Ombudsman's office will be open from 9 a.m. until 12 noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m.

Dr. Alan Gowans, chairman of the department of history in art has received an \$8,550 research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for work on "historic styles of North American architecture categorized by function: instruments shaping Canadian culture".

Dr. Anthony England (English) has been awarded a \$2,106 research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to compile a register of English burlesque poetry in the Restoration and Eighteenth Century.

UVic music student **Tony Genge** (FA-3) has won the 1978 CBC competition for young Canadian composers with his 12-minute solo composition for tenor recorder titled "Eleven Steps." Genge was chosen as the grand prize winner among five finalists, whose works were played on a program on CBC radio, April 30. His award is \$5,000.

Graduates search for B.C. women in art

Three graduate students in the department of history in art have received a \$7,343 federal grant to conduct a survey and compile information on "Women in the Arts in B.C."

Roberta Pazdro, **Christina Johnson** and **Kathy Bridge** will spend the summer on the project which will focus on women as artists, volunteers and patrons of the arts before 1930.

The Victoria branch of the Status of Women Action Group (SWAG) sponsored the students in the application to the federal office of the Secretary of State.

Pazdro explains that the students have sent out letters to galleries and museums throughout B.C. requesting information on women in the arts.

"We are not only interested in artists but in women's groups who volunteered to assist in the establishment of galleries and in women who acted as patrons to artists," she says.

The students hope to produce a multimedia package of information and make it available to schools in the Victoria area. They also hope to hold an exhibition when their research is completed.

Heather resigns

Heather Nicol, the lone woman among eight government appointees to the UVic Board of Governors, has resigned at the end of her three-year term.

Seven government appointees now on the BOG were reappointed to three-year terms by Education Minister **Dr. Patrick McGeer**.

In making the reappointment announcement this month, McGeer said a further appointment (to replace Nicol) will be made soon.

"I hope they consider appointing a woman to replace me," said Nicol. "It was with some regrets that I resigned as it has been a worthwhile experience."

Nicol cited "pressure of personal commitments" as her reason for resigning. "I have been impressed with the conduct of the board and I feel the university is in very good hands," she said.

Nicol's resignation leaves recently elected **Sonia Birch-Jones** (Public Administration) as the lone woman on the 15-member BOG.

BOG chairman **Joseph Cunliffe**, who has served on the UVic board since 1971, was reappointed. Cunliffe was first elected chairman in 1973.

Also reappointed to the board are **Alex Hall**, an agrologist with B.C. Hydro; **Dr. H. James Portelance**, a Langford-area physician; **Dr. Terry Huberts**, a Sidney veterinarian; **Ian Stewart**, a Victoria lawyer; **William Gwyer**, former president of West Kootenay Power and Light Co. and **Hugh Stephens**, former mayor of Victoria.

letters

To all University employees:

Now that I have been elected to the Board of Governors, I want to thank all of you, old friends and new friends, for your support and encouragement. In particular I should like to thank **Alf Lee**, **Edna Kowalchuk** and **Howard Gerwing** for signing my nomination papers and giving me the opportunity to stand as a candidate.

I intend to represent all of you to the best of my ability and to contribute, on your behalf, to the good of the University and its employees.

Alf Lee served us all well, I intend to carry on a good tradition and would ask you all to remember that I am readily accessible and will welcome your views and interest.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sonia Birch-Jones.

bullets

The **Financial Post** notes that enrolment in elementary and secondary schools in Canada has dropped to 5.3 million from 5.6 million a year ago and as a result 10,000 teaching jobs have vanished. The outlook until the mid 1980s is for more of the same.

Canada's 39 business schools had 11.1 per cent of the university students in 1976-77 but only three to four per cent of the university operating budgets. In 1977-78 enrollment was 12.5 per cent but funding stayed virtually the same. These are the findings of **Dr. Max von Zur Muehlen**, the universities expert at Statistics Canada who says that because of this underfunding the schools can't cope with rising student demand and thousands of qualified Canadian students have been denied admittance.

The **University of Waterloo Gazette** reports that professors in at least one university in the Netherlands may soon have to punch time-clocks. Apparently the Senate of the University of Amsterdam has proposed that all university staff, including faculty, must be present in their buildings from 8:30 am until 5:15 pm five days a week, with a time clock or sign-in system suggested to check up on them. The proposal is said to be a response to hints from the Dutch government that professors aren't seen to be pulling their weight.

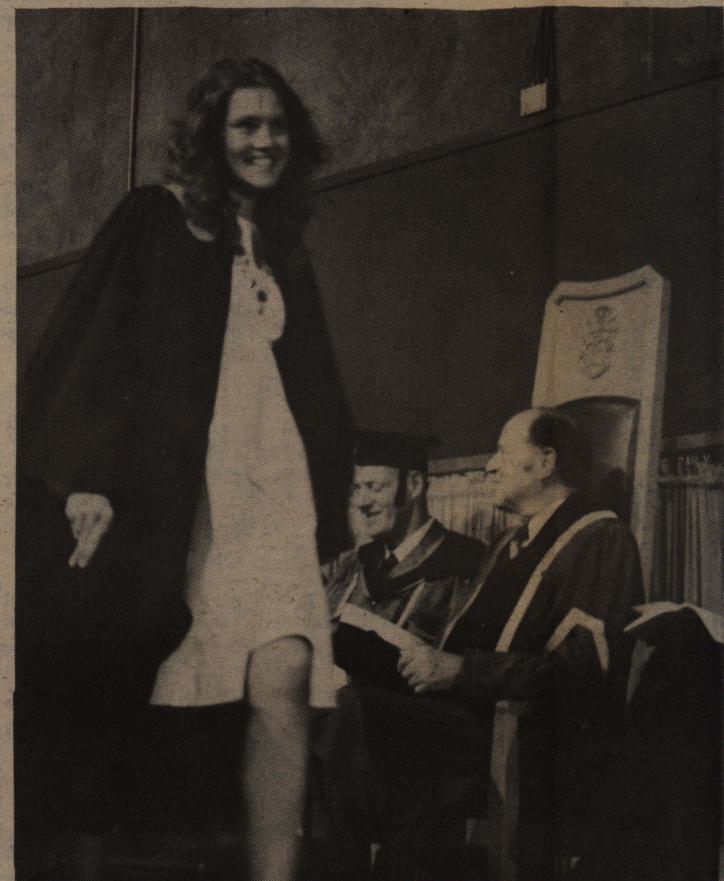
McGill University obviously was busy in the early years of the 1900s founding colleges in the Canadian West. Most UVic people know that it was McGill that founded Victoria College here in 1903 and that in 1963 the college became the University of Victoria. But how many of them know that it was McGill that founded McGill University College of British Columbia in 1906 and Alberta College in 1907? The Vancouver college became UBC and the one in Edmonton was later designated as the University of Alberta.

Meanwhile, UBC is going into the tour business in a big way in the coming months. This year its centre for continuing education is offering a Shakespearean festival tour in conjunction with the Institute of Renaissance Studies of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival and several tours in conjunction with British and Scottish universities. For example, students can learn archeological field techniques with the University of Cambridge, tour England's Lake District, become involved in a residential study course on Tudor England or take a horticultural tour of south and central England, north Wales and Ireland.

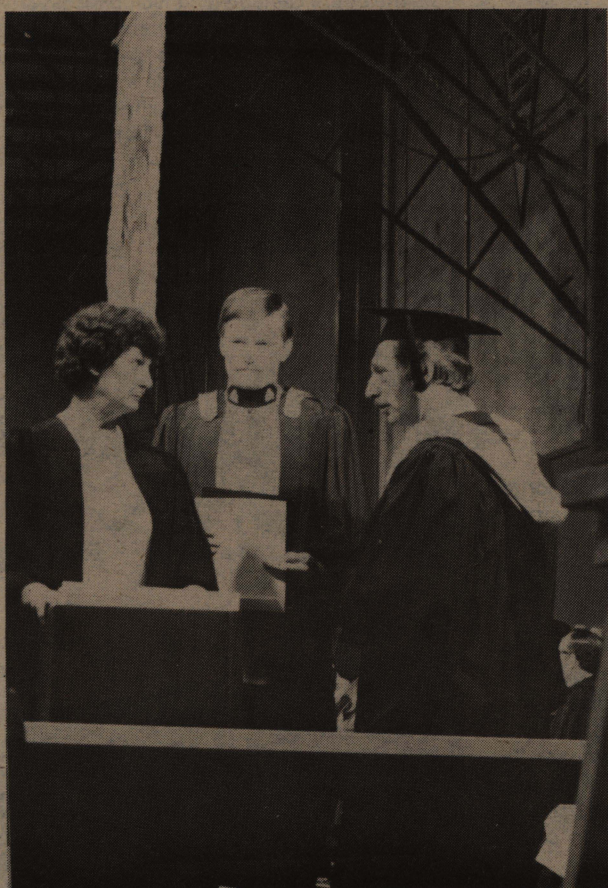
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Prisoners earn UVic degrees while behind bars

The sign on the door of the quonset hut says "University of Victoria" but it seems so incongruous here, in the middle of this grey, fortress, the B.C. Penitentiary.

This unlikely bit of the UVic campus once housed Dukhobor prisoners and now contains a 7,000-volume library, small classroom and smaller typing and seminar rooms. It also contains double steel-bar doors connecting it to the main corridor of the penitentiary.

Here, 22 students, most of them long-term prisoners, take regular UVic courses. The day is a special one, the fourth annual awards ceremony in a unique program that has reached fruition this year with six student prisoners earning enough UVic credits to graduate with bachelor of arts degrees.

Two will receive BA degrees from the University of Saskatchewan and four will have degrees conferred at the UVic Convocation May 27 though they will not be allowed to attend the ceremony in Victoria.

Their achievement is a large one, emphasized by the fact that none had higher than a Grade 10 education before entering the program.

The six graduating students are not at the B.C. Pen but at Matsqui where another ceremony will be held in the afternoon for 59 students.

At the B.C. Pen there are refreshments, food and visitors. Academics in robes mingle with students in prison jackets and their families. The prisoners make it clear that they feel the program is vital.

"You would have to be in here to understand how it is," says one. "We don't do anything in here. The university is not only the most important program. It's the only thing we've got."

The ceremony, held in the prison's main library, is short and informal, with book prizes handed out to top students.

Dr. Clark Cook, resident co-ordinator at the B.C. Pen, says the motivation for prisoners who stick with the UVic program is extremely high. "These people really get into the subjects," he says.

James Ayers, one of five UVic lecturers who teach full-time at the two institutions, says he was ready to quit after the first week of teaching philosophy at the B.C. Pen.

"Usually a university class waits a few weeks before there's much feedback. In here, within two minutes, they're giving you their opinions. And they don't accept statements just because they're written in a textbook."

Ayers adds that, after a year, he's enjoyed the classes more than any others he's been associated with.

Jackie Nelson-Sens who teaches philosophy says one class at the Matsqui institution was "the most highly motivated class I've ever been connected with."

Dr. Douglas Ayers, UVic co-ordinator for the programs at Matsqui and the B.C. Pen, tells those at the ceremony that six former prisoners from the program are now pursuing higher education on university campuses



"A sickness which affects the entire Canadian consciousness"

and there are 17 others who have asked for transcripts from the prison program, seeking to enrol in universities.

"This program is succeeding," he says.

Ayers and Dr. T.A. Parlett, co-ordinator of occupational development for the western region of the federal corrections branch, originated the program through a Donner Canadian Foundation grant in November, 1971.

The beginning, for Parlett, was 15 years ago at William Head Institution outside Victoria where he was teaching inmates. "I was told that inmates were too stupid to learn beyond Grade 8," he recalls. "I soon found out how wrong that was."

Parlett said the introduction of the program into penitentiaries has been "a hard fight all the way, and it's going to be a tough fight to get it into the new Kent Institution which opens next year."

The valedictory address is given by George Burrows, 28, who has served five years of a 24-year sentence. He talks optimistically of the university program opening lines of communication between two very different culture groups.

"Contrary to the myth that is generally presented to the public, we are an intelligent life form, we are capable of rationally discussing our views and we have something to say."

He describes the UVic program as "a breath of freedom in an otherwise stifling atmosphere. It is the only area in this prison which is free from the concentration camp mentality."

Burrows points out that although many students in the program are labelled "trouble-makers" by penal authorities, "no student has ever been charged with breaking a rule in the university area."

"There has been no trouble of any kind within these rooms."

Burrows calls for changes in the penal system which he says is "a sickness which affects the entire Canadian consciousness".

"One day every human being presently serving time across Canada will return to society. That is an inescapable fact. It is ridiculous to expect human beings to return from a journey through the Canadian penitentiary system when that system is geared to the systematic destruction of all humanistic qualities."



Ostiguy: "we still walk counterclockwise around that penitentiary yard."

This is what makes the university program so important, says Burrows. "Here we are granted our humanity. It is, in fact, demanded of us. Here we function as responsible human beings and it is our sincere hope that various educational facilities modelled along the lines of this progressive program will soon be available to all prisoners."

At the afternoon ceremony at the Matsqui Medium Security Prison, federal Commission of Corrections Don Yeomans echoes the emphasis on the importance of the program.

"The significance of the achievements of these six graduates extends far beyond Matsqui," he says. "What these men have done is important for prisoners across Canada."

Yeomans says the corrections system is undergoing major reforms with the realization that "life inside prisons must resemble life outside prison as much as possible."

"As long as we have students willing to work, we'll have the best educational system we can afford in our prisons," he adds.

The afternoon ceremony is held in the chapel at Matsqui and among dignitaries are Professor Grant McOrmond, assistant dean of Arts and Science at UVic, who informs the graduates that their degrees are exactly the same as those conferred on all other UVic graduates.

One student, Frank Guiney, has a degree unlike the majority of UVic grads in that he has graduated with distinction and is a winner of a President's scholarship for his high marks.

Guiney, Conrad Gunn, Ronald Sauve and Florian Schwarz receive UVic degrees while Frederick Haas and Eugene Ostiguy receive their degrees from the University of Saskatchewan.

Ostiguy, the valedictorian at Matsqui, asks the obvious question. "Where do we go from here?"

He says some graduates are looking towards teaching jobs at universities. One graduate, Sauve, whose work in theatre productions at Matsqui has drawn raves from Vancouver critics, will seek a career in theatre. Guiney, who recognizes that he will probably never be given a chance to write Bar examinations because of his long criminal record, still has ambitions to enter law school so that he can work as a para-legal.

Ostiguy says most prisoners entered the program as a means of getting a parole but soon realized that academics was not the way to a parole.

"Some of us were determined to get the skill and academic credentials necessary to go out there and change what we considered to be a rotten system. But there is something that happens as we learn. We become much less sure of things—probably more humble."

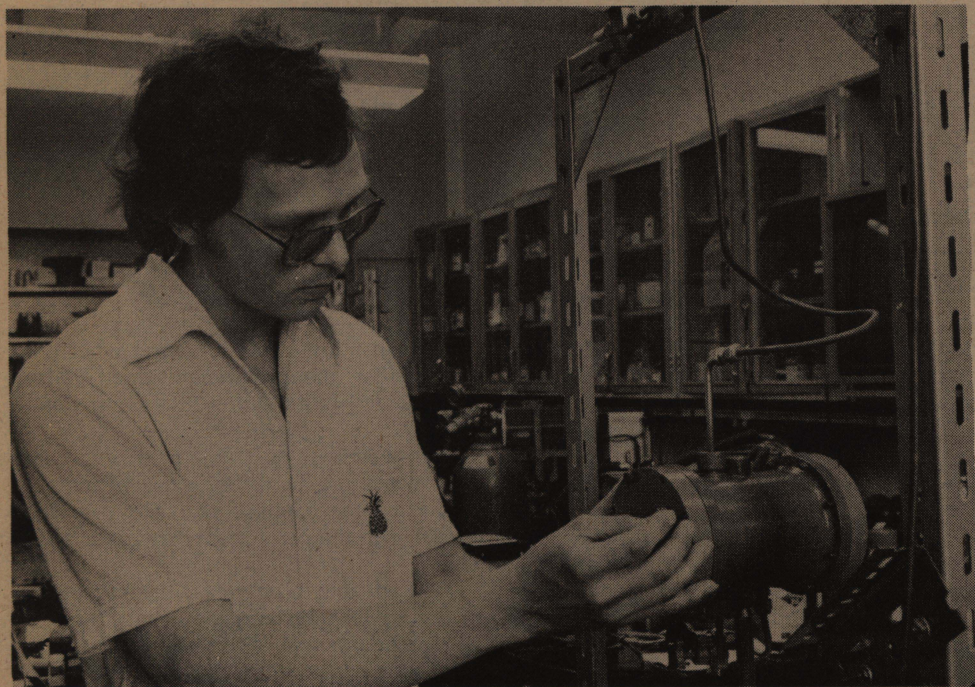
He says students seek higher education to obtain a good job, but the unemployment statistics make it clear that a BA is no guarantee of any kind of job.

Then Ostiguy considers knowledge for its own sake as a motivating force: "Perhaps it



The class of '78, from left, Sauve, Gunn, Schwarz, Guiney and Ostiguy

Student completes 'absolutely astonishing' program



Ralfs: wins Governor-General's medal

Arthur Charles Ralfs, a 23-year-old Victoria man, has completed what one UVic official calls an "absolutely astonishing" double major honors program and is the top student among 583 graduates in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

He is one of four graduating students in Arts and Science and Education, honored at the 15th annual Convocation in the McKinnon Centre May 27.

Ralf received UVic's most prestigious award, the Governor-General's medal, after achieving a graduating point average of 8.85 out of a possible 9. He earned an honors Bachelor of Science degree, specializing in each of the areas of mathematics and chemistry.

Mrs. Ginette Raymond Griffiths, 48, of Victoria, is the recipient of the University of Victoria Jubilee Medal which was presented for the first time this year.

The award was established by the 1978 graduating class in recognition of UVic's jubilee year celebrating the 75th anniversary of the first university classes at UVic's predecessor, Victoria College.

Griffiths achieved a graduating grade point average of 8.71 as the top student to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Two other major awards, the Maxwell Cameron Memorial Medals for outstanding students in the Faculty of Education, were presented to Marion Yole of Victoria and Bill

McGhee who was born in Port Alice and grew up in Vancouver.

Yole, 24, received first-class standing in both the practical and theoretical phases of her work towards a Bachelor of Education degree in the elementary program while McGhee accomplished the same in the secondary program.

Ralfs was born in Victoria and attended Mt. Newton Junior and Claremont Senior Secondary schools. He chose an unorthodox method of graduating from high school, however, attending Camosun College.



Yole: taught for a year

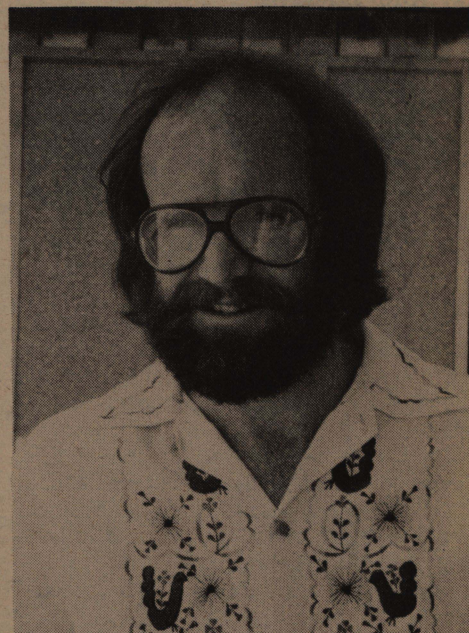
"I was unhappy with some of the restrictions and regulations of the public school system," explains Ralfs. "At Camosun they treated me like an adult."

After graduating from Camosun in 1973 he entered UVic and spent five years pursuing his double major honors program, taking extra units during the last three years.

"I'm surprised I won," is his reaction to the award. "I didn't expect to win carrying two majors. I took both programs because I've always been interested in interdisciplinary studies."

Academic awards received by Ralfs at UVic include the President's Scholarship in third and fourth years, B.W. Pearce Scholarship in third and fourth years and the Sea-span Scholarship.

This year he has received a \$6,360 National Research Council post graduate scholarship. He has been accepted at Cornell University and plans to pursue a doctoral degree in applied mathematics and theoretical chemistry.



McGhee: former ski instructor

She was born in Paris, France and received her primary and secondary education there. After marrying, she moved to Canada in 1955 and to Victoria in 1962. She and her husband David, a UVic French professor, have two children, Diane and Paul, 26, who graduated from UVic in 1973.

After 26 years away from formal education Griffiths enrolled in Russian and Spanish in the 1975-76 academic year at UVic.

"I didn't find it difficult going back to school," she says. "It was always in my mind to go back but I was hesitant coming to a new country and speaking a different language."

Yole graduated from Victoria Senior High School and received a professional teaching certificate after four years of study at UVic in 1976.

She taught a combined grade three and four class in Campbell River in 1976-77 and returned to UVic last fall to complete her Bachelor of Education degree with specializations in art education and social studies.

McGhee was a professional ski instructor in British Columbia and Alberta for five years before entering UVic in 1974 to take a Bachelor of Education degree with specializations in outdoor education and geography.



Griffiths: top Arts student

Ralfs has worked for two summers in the chemistry department at UVic on crystallographic studies. He is working this summer as a research assistant to Dr. R.N. O'Brien (Chemistry), using laser interferometry.

Griffiths has two reasons for celebrating May 27. She and her daughter Diane, 21 both received Bachelor of Arts degrees with distinction.

Former banker leads law grads

Emil Dmetro Chapelski, 33-year old former bank manager, is the first winner of the B.C. Law Society Gold Medal and Prize as the top student in three years of study in the Faculty of Law.

Chapelski, a native of Vegreville, Alberta, has stood first in his class each year since the Faculty of Law accepted its first students in 1975.

He received his LL.B. degree along with 66 of his classmates at Convocation ceremonies at UVic May 27.

Chapelski graduated from the University of Alberta in 1966 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He immediately joined the Bank of Commerce, working in Toronto and Vancouver before coming to Victoria where he was manager of the Commerce branch at Fort and Cook from 1973 to 1975.

"I enjoyed working at the bank but at the age of 30 my wife and I agreed that I should try to become a lawyer," Chapelski explains.

"It had been in the back of my mind for some time and I didn't want to look back at the age of 50, wishing I had become a lawyer."

For the next three years Chapelski went back to school while his wife, Wendy, worked in the accounting department at UVic.

"This degree was really a team effort," says Chapelski. "There is a lot of work in the law program but my family worked harder than I did."

The Chapelskis have a daughter Shelley, 13, and two sons, Mark, 10, and Scott, 9.

According to Murray Fraser, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Chapelski "contributed significantly to the life of the school" while maintaining a first class average during his three years.

He has been the recipient of a number of prizes and scholarships including the D.M. Gordon, Q.C., Book Prize, the Crease and Company Scholarship, the J.L. Wilson Prize and the Carswell Prize.

Chapelski will article in Edmonton, beginning in July with the firm of Parlee, Irving, Hemming, Mustard and Rodney. His interests are in corporate and commercial law.

He says the first three years at the new UVic Faculty of Law were "tremendously enjoyable. We have a dedicated faculty and a first-class dean."

The presentation of the Gold Medal and Prize will take place at the annual meeting of the Law Society, June 9th, in Penticton.



The winning law team includes Chapelski, his wife Wendy, sons Mark and Scott and daughter Shelley

Geographer and biologist join forces

By John Driscoll

A biologist, a geographer and 10 enthusiastic students have spent the past academic year demonstrating that there are areas where the social and natural sciences can and must work together.

In the process they've taken a close look at a highly controversial issue, the potential development of the Cowichan River Estuary.

Dr. Derek Sewell (Geography) and Dr. Derek Ellis (Biology) taught an interdisciplinary course for senior-level and graduate students on environmental impact assessment.

The course has involved lectures by Ellis, Sewell and guest lecturers, field trips aboard the UVic research vessel, the "John Strickland", and simulated public and private hearings before a panel of experts.

Sewell describes the course as an "educational experiment".

"There is a growing public demand for more in-depth studies of the effects of resource development projects," explains Sewell. "But there remains the problems of lack of trained personnel and of adequate tools to measure these effects."

Ellis says the course is an attempt to train students in the most up-to-date techniques and theories for assessing the environmental, economic and cultural effects of a development.

"That is why this is an interdisciplinary course," he adds. "Biologists must realize that developments affect people as well as resources and economists must see that economic considerations are not the only criteria."

Sewell gives the example of the construction of a pulp mill. "There is the question of what this would do to a region's fishery resources, wildlife and recreational potential. There is also the question of whether such a development would help solve local unemployment."

Demands for evaluation of the impact of such developments as dams, power projects, coal developments, pipelines, oil ports and airport expansion have resulted in the establishment of procedures in federal and provincial agencies for assessment.

However, there remains a lack of trained personnel to carry out the assessment and Sewell and Ellis have attempted to help overcome this deficiency through their course.

The two men come well-prepared to teach such a course.

Sewell has been involved in research and teaching in the resource management field, specializing in policy analysis, economic evaluation and behavioral studies.

Ellis has taught courses in resource and environmental management, specializing in aquatic biology, and has been involved in real-life studies of estuary modifications, sewage outfalls in Victoria, marina locations and mine tailings disposal.

Two years ago, Ellis assisted Sewell in teaching a graduate course in geography.

In 1977-78 the two men received money from the President's Fund for Research and the departments of biology and geography to establish the interdisciplinary course on a one-year basis.

The course was truly interdisciplinary with students registering in their own department but attending joint sessions and completing the same assignments.

Many of the students were working professionals and included a sociologist and an economist among the geographers and biologists.

They tackled a real-life situation that has been the centre of controversy for several months, the potential development of the Cowichan River Estuary.

Several proposals have been made for development, including a pulp mill, shake mill, pellet mill, additional log hauling facilities, dredging a channel to the existing mill and a salmon hatchery.

Each involves the construction of facilities such as roads, railway lines and wharfage and most involve the creation of waste which would have to be disposed of in the estuary, on land or in the water.

The issue has received much publicity with some people apprehensive about destruction of the environment and others who feel that the proposed development would do much to alleviate the problem of unemployment in the area, presently estimated at 20 percent of the available labor force.



Students collecting samples at Cowichan Estuary during course

While a real-life task force was studying the proposals, the UVic students undertook their own investigation and presented their findings to a panel which included Ellis, Sewell and representatives of Environment Canada, the provincial Environment Ministry, The Cowichan Regional District Board, a task force member and two professors from the University of British Columbia.

The students went to the estuary aboard the "John Strickland" and biological studies included the sampling of water quality.

The socio-economic studies included identification of existing economic activities, related social and other services, the nature of the social structure of the area and an assessment of the values held by the people

who live and work in the area.

When the students presented their findings to a simulated version of the task force, it was serious business. During the four-hour hearing, students had to defend their oral submissions and came in for some sharp questioning from the panel of experts.

Ellis feels this cross-examination is important, since the students could in future be counselling environmental groups, working as consultants to industry and representing regulatory agencies.

"This course could help those who wish to object to potential development," he says. "Citizens are getting better at presenting objections but often present arguments based on emotions rather than reason."

"It is not enough to have the expertise," he adds. "You have to be able to get your message across forcefully, sometimes in a highly emotional arena."

Ellis feels the course teaches students to hold more balanced views. "Ivory-tower theories sometimes worsen the situation," he says. "By bringing in outside experts, we keep in touch with the latest technology in assessment techniques. By putting students on-site, the course assists them in understanding these situations."

McKinnon welcomes community

UVic's athletic and recreational facilities will be open to the entire community during July and August.

With the purchase of a \$20 activities card, anyone can use the McKinnon Centre pool, squash courts, gymnasiums, weight rooms and other facilities during authorized hours.

For Summer Session students, the fee is \$10.

For those interested in seeing what UVic has to offer, there will be an "Open House" with guided tours at the McKinnon Centre June 30.

Penny Rollins, co-ordinator of intramural and recreational activities, explains that the university has a policy of making facilities available to the community whenever possible.

"We are able to open facilities to the public during July and August because there are fewer students than in the fall," she says.

In addition to unstructured activities, the public is invited to enrol in short instructional classes at the McKinnon this summer. The classes are offered in such areas as modern, ballet and jazz dancing, martial arts, canoeing, sailing and exercises. There are also tournaments and special events open to activity card holders.

Faculty staff and students can enrol in these classes at Room 121 of the McKinnon with the public invited to register from July 4 to 7. Information on activities is available at McKinnon 121, or by calling Local 4790.

New dean chosen

UVic's newest faculty is finally going to get its own dean.

On July 1, Dr. Robert Walter Payne will become dean of the Faculty of Human and Social Development.

Payne, 53, a Canadian citizen, is currently professor of psychology and senior medical research scientist at Temple University and the Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute in Philadelphia.

He will take over from Dr. John Dewey (Physics) who has filled the position of acting dean since the faculty was formed out of the new Schools of Social Work, Nursing and Child Care last fall. Dewey holds several administrative posts on campus, including the position of Dean of Graduate Studies.

Payne's appointment was approved by the Board of Governors after he was selected by a search committee which advertised in publications throughout Canada.

He holds a B.A. (Honors) from the University of Alberta, and a diploma in clinical psychology and a Ph.D. from the University of London.

The appointment is for a three-year period.

Payne was the recipient in 1964 of the Stratton Research Award of the American Psychological Association.

Since 1953, he has held a number of research grants in the mental health field and has published more than 80 research articles. He has been elected a member of the Canadian and Ontario Psychological Associations, the American Psychopathological Association, and the British Psychological Society. He has also been elected a fellow of the British Psychological Society and the American and Pennsylvania Psychological Associations.

He serves as a consultant to the Alberta Mental Health Advisory Council, the Ontario Mental Health Foundation, the Medical Research Council of Canada and the National Institute of Health, Washington, D.C.

Payne is editorial consultant to a number of distinguished publications, including *The Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, the *Canadian Journal of Psychology*, the *Canadian Journal of Behavioral Science* and the *Psychological Bulletin*.

PE conference starts here today

More than 360 teachers of physical education through British Columbia, some from as far away as Dawson Creek and Queen Charlotte City, start three days of intensive workshops today at UVic.

The occasion is the fourth annual B.C. Physical Education Conference, the largest conference of its kind in the province.

The conference will be held on the UVic campus and at two nearby elementary schools. It will include a concert by UVic's singing fitness expert, Dr. Martin Collis, in the new, ultra-modern recital hall in University Centre.

Keynote speaker is Dr. Lawrence Locke, Professor of Physical Education at the Uni-

versity of Massachusetts, an internationally recognized authority on research into the effectiveness of teaching.

Dr. Locke will speak on "Learning from Teaching" at a banquet June 9.

One aim of the conference is to improve the teaching of physical education in the primary grades where teachers often have minimal training in physical education.

The conference will include major workshops in the teaching of creative dance, gymnastics and games, at the primary level. There are major workshops in track and field, games and gymnastics at the intermediate level.

Major workshops at the secondary school level include rhythmic gymnastics, fitness to music, advanced basketball, soccer, environmental education and recreation and men's gymnastics.

Minor workshops include singing games, folk-dance, perceptual-motor activities, European handball, intramurals, camping activities, weight training and badminton.

This year the conference will also include discussion groups in such areas as outdoor education and aerobic exercises. There will also be a discussion on the pros and cons of boys and girls taking physical education classes together in secondary school. Daily physical education classes will be discussed.